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In re U.S. Patent Application of

KAWASHIMA

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For: CUSHION STRUCTURE AND MANUFACTURING
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF THE SAME

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Total Claims	5	9	-XX (Over 20)	X \$18	0
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$280	0
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is supplemental to the response filed on July 2, 2003, in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2003, the Advisory Action dated July 18, 2003, and the Interview Summary dated July 23, 2003. Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to review the case during the interview.

Applicants hereby submit the certified translations of the priority documents JP 1999-372849 and JP 1999-372850 to overcome the only remaining issue of the application, i.e., a new matter rejection against the term "quadrilateral", by proving that the invention is actually "quadrilateral" rather than being limited to "square" since the corresponding Japanese word means "quadrilateral" in both of the Japanese priority documents.

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicant respectfully contends that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

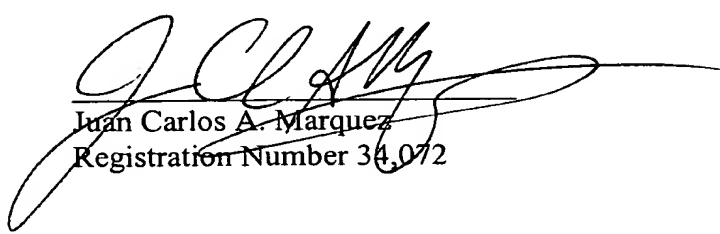
Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of

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the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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